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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT - B

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the record.

Please amend the application as follows.

Delete claims 40 to 75 and add claims 76 to 79 as follows.

*1*76. Paroxetine methanesulfonate in crystalline form having the following characteristic IR peaks: 1603, 1194, 1045, 946, 830, 601, 554, and 539 \pm 4 cm⁻¹.

*2*77. Paroxetine hydrochloride formed by conversion of paroxetine methanesulfonate, as described in claim 76, by contacting said paroxetine methanesulfonate with hydrochloric acid.

*3*78. Paroxetine methanesulfonate in crystalline form having the following characteristic IR peaks: 1603, 1194, 1045, 946, 830, 601, 554, and 539 cm⁻¹.

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78. Paroxetine hydrochloride formed by conversion of paroxetine methanesulfonate, as described in claim 78, by contacting said paroxetine methanesulfonate with hydrochloric acid.

REMARKS

Claims 40 to 75 are pending in the application. Claims 40 to 75 replaced original claims 1 to 39 in the preliminary amendment dated April 23, 1999. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the most useful telephonic conversation of today. During this conversation the Examiner indicated that applicant's above proposed claims were patentable over the art of record.

Applicants therefore submit that the claims, as amended, are allowable. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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